

# WORLD AFRICA GALLERY

## ZIMBABWE

### African NGO Recognized With Freedom Defenders Award



*Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Humphrey Program Alumnus Arnold Tsunga, President of Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights.*

In December 2007, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice presented the African non-governmental organization Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights with the *Freedom Defenders Award*. The Award recognizes a foreign individual or non-governmental organization that has shown exceptional courage and leadership. The Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights was commended for working “...tirelessly and fearlessly to advance democratic principles, and in particular, it has taken on the dangerous task of providing legal representation to persecuted human rights and democracy defenders.” Its President, Arnold Tsunga, traveled from Harare to accept the award on behalf of his fellow members. Tsunga was a 2006-2007 Hubert H. Humphrey Fellow from Zimbabwe at the University of Minnesota. The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program is for mid-level professionals from developing or newly democratized nations to come to the United States for a year of professional development and academic work at the graduate level.

## MADAGASCAR

### Research on Lemurs Draws Fulbrighter to Madagascar

Andrea Baden (pictured at far right) radio-collars a black-and-white ruffed lemur prior to initiating behavioral research in Mangevo, central Madagascar. She was affiliated with the Malagasy Institute for the Conservation of Tropical Environments. Her Fulbright Student grant focused on the study of reproductive strategies of black-and-white ruffed lemurs. Baden is a Ph.D. candidate from Stony Brook University in New York. Shown here (at near right) is Baden’s photo of one of the many local fishermen who fashion their sails from stained/dyed rice sacks in Ifaty (Madagascar west coast).



Photo by: Angie Simai

*Andrea Baden*



Photo by: Andrea Baden

*Local fishermen off the Madagascar West Coast.*

## GHANA

### Fulbright Scholar Conducts Archaeological Excavation

Dr. Kofi Emmanuel Agorsah, Professor of Black Studies and International Studies at Portland State University, was selected as a 2007-2008 U.S. Fulbright Scholar to Ghana, where he conducted an archaeological excavation at Kormantse village with students from Cape Coast University. During his grant, he supervised the digging, collection, and analysis of artifacts found at the excavation site. In addition to his field research, Professor Agorsah was involved in developing a sustainable educational partnership between Portland State University and Cape Coast University, in helping Cape Coast to establish a Department of Archaeology, and in arranging for U.S. students to visit Ghana on educational exchanges.



Photo by: Kormantse Archaeological Research Project (Kormarp)

*Dr. Tom Butler (second from left), a visiting archaeologist from Oregon, U.S. Embassy Cultural Affairs Officer Dehab Ghebreab (third from left), and Dr. Kofi Agorsah (third from right) are pictured investigating, labeling, and packaging artifacts.*

## GHANA SOUTH AFRICA

### Fulbright Training Workshops Held in Ghana and South Africa



*Participants in the Johannesburg workshop.*



*Participants in the Accra workshop.*

In March 2008, the Office of Academic Exchange Programs Africa Branch conducted two successful five-day training workshops for Embassy and Consulate Cultural Affairs Specialists and Assistants from Sub-Saharan Africa responsible for administering the Fulbright Program and other academic exchange programs. The first workshop was held in Accra, Ghana, for 14 Foreign Service Nationals (FSNs) from West and Central Africa. A similar workshop was held the following week in Johannesburg, South Africa, for 28 FSNs from East and Southern Africa. Sessions focused on the management of core Fulbright student and scholar programs, as well as Humphrey Fellowships, the Fulbright Science and Technology Program, and engaging alumni. The workshop sessions included participation by staff of the Institute of International Education, Council for International Exchange of Scholars and local U.S. Embassy Public Affairs staff. Experienced FSNs shared their knowledge and experience through a number of activities and by leading breakout sessions.







## NIGER

Maggie Fick, 2007-2008 U.S. Student Program Fulbrighter to Niger conducted research on the role of women in Tuareg society. She was affiliated with the History Department at the Université Abdou Moumouni and with Tin Hinan, a local women's rights organization. She traveled throughout Niger to interview Tuareg women and learn about their lives, usually over a few rounds of tea. The photo shows Fick on a weekend excursion to neighboring Burkina Faso, with the kora, a traditional harp-lute played by musicians all over West Africa. While in Niger, Fick also took African drum and dance lessons.



## RWANDA

### Fulbright Student Teaches Americans About Rwanda

Michael Tusiime of Rwanda is shown (photo at right) at a hay ride in Rockford, Illinois. Tusiime was awarded a Fulbright Visiting Student grant in 2007 to pursue a Master's degree in education at Northern Illinois University (NIU). Tusiime says of his experience, "Many Americans don't know about Rwanda...Yet all the same, I have the impression that the Americans I've met are curious and would like to know more about Rwanda than what's been portrayed in movies. Similarly, I would never have had another understanding of America beyond what's portrayed by Hollywood had I not been curious myself." Tusiime was affiliated with the National University of Rwanda.



*Michael Tusiime in Rockford, Illinois.*

## SENEGAL

### Alumni Conference on Multicultural Democracy Held in Senegal

In February 2008, Fulbright alumna and former Senegal Minister of Culture, Penda Mbow led a lively discussion on the evolution of democracy in Africa. The event was held at Senegal's premiere university, Gaston Berger. This was the second of five planned presentations by alumni on current issues facing Senegal. Following Mbow's presentation, University Rector Mary Reuw Niane met with the group to discuss ways to increase participation in

exchange programs. More than 100 professors, students, alumni, and journalists attended the event. Mbow has dedicated her life to teaching, working for the enhancement of civil society and promoting women's issues. She was a Fulbright Senior Scholar to Michigan State University in 1993 and received a Rockefeller Foundation award for research at the Bellagio Center in Italy. In recognition of her achievements, she was named Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur Française (Knight of the French Legion of Honor) in 2003 and Commandeur de l'Ordre National du Mérite (Commander of the National Order of Merit) in 1999.



*More than a hundred professors, students, alumni, and journalists attend an alumni conference in Senegal and participate in the discussion.*



*Ms. Penda Mbow at the Senegal Alumni Conference on Multicultural Democracy.*



## SOUTH AFRICA

### Fulbright Alumni Grant Provides Calculators to South African Students



*South African teacher Martha Khumalo (standing at left) and her students use the graphing calculators.*

### Fulbright-mtvU Fellow Creates Documentary on South African Youth

Fulbright-mtvU Fellowship grantee James Collins of Harvard University traveled to South Africa to create a documentary film exploring the impact and influence of marching band music on underprivileged South African youth. He was affiliated with the Field Band Foundation.



*James Collins (back row, second from left) with youth drummers in South Africa.*

## NIGERIA

### Nigerian Shares Experience as FLTA in Wisconsin

Olayinka Margaret Olagbegi, Nigerian Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant to the University of Wisconsin, 2007-2008, said of her experience: "...I've felt accepted since my first day in Madison. The driver who picked me up from the airport broke the ice. It was amazing to witness the way she (the taxi driver) attended to me. Aside from the fact that she took me to my new home, she was keen to know something about my country, people, and culture. I now realize that I started my Fulbright program even before I stepped on campus...I wish this program could be longer than it is, but at the same time, I can't wait to go home to make positive educational changes in my country..." Olagbegi was affiliated with the University of Ado-Ekiti in Uganda.



*Olayinka Margaret Olagbegi (center) with her students.*



## UGANDA

### Fulbrighter's Artwork Benefits Local Children and Youth

Ugandan woodcut artist and Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence alumnus Fred Kato Mutebi assisted in creating an art exhibition titled "North-South Art exchange," as part of an event the U.S. Embassy Kampala held for World AIDS Day in December 2007. The exhibition brought children with HIV/AIDS from the war-torn part of Northern Uganda and Kampala together through art. U.S. Embassy Public Affairs Officer Lisa Heilbronn applauded Mutebi for his work benefiting the local society. Mary Nanono, Permanent Secretary at the Ugandan Ministry of Health and a 1992 Humphrey alumna, also visited the exhibit. Through Mutebi's own organization "Let Art Talk" (LAT), he has worked with children and youth, many of whom have been affected by the 20-year conflict in the Acholi subregion of northern Uganda. As the conflict in northern Uganda came to an end, Mutebi began his work on HIV/AIDS, encouraging women and children to use art as a means of communicating among themselves and the public. Mutebi's Fulbright was in 2003 at Christian Brothers University in Tennessee.



Photo by: Let Art Talk

*Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence alumnus Fred Mutebi (at center) with children in Gulu, northern Uganda. His organization "Let Art Talk" participated in the launch of Kwach Academy there in June 2007.*



*"Let Art Talk" created this mural for the 2007 International World AIDS Day. The U.S. Embassy in Kampala, Uganda used parts of the mural in the design of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) poster.*



Photos by: Let Art Talk

*Students from Hope North School in northern Uganda display their artwork at a "Let Art Talk" workshop in December 2007.*



*Etheldreda Nakimuli-Mpungu*

### Ugandan Fulbrighter Studies Mental Health Issues

Etheldreda Nakimuli-Mpungu is a 2007 Fulbright Science and Technology Student from Uganda enrolled in the Psychiatry Epidemiology Program at Johns Hopkins University. The focus of her doctoral studies is on the mental health issues of HIV/AIDS patients. Nakimuli-Mpungu holds a Master's degree in psychiatry from Makerere University.

